

# Wood-Fired Terracotta in Italy

A Two-Week Summer Course in Tuscany  
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## Spannocchia

The course will take place on the beautiful 12<sup>th</sup> Century estate of Spannocchia, itself a cultural landmark in the Tuscan countryside near Siena. Spannocchia's place as a sustainable agricultural estate, a center for Etruscan study, and International courses such as this one make daily life there a rich experience. The evening meals prepared in Spannocchia's kitchen and served in the outdoor dining area are a delicious immersion in Tuscan tradition and hospitality. Look up Spannocchia at [www.spannocchia.org](http://www.spannocchia.org)

### THE COURSE:

The clay work in the studio at Spannocchia will serve as a vehicle to study and experience the rich cultural history of the region. Through field trips to nearby Florence, Siena, Colle di Val D'Elsa, and San Galgano we will explore this incredible wealth of art, history, & architecture. Conversely, the surrounding landscape, art, and culture will serve as inspiration for the clay work in the studio. We will use local terracotta clay for forming and some materials found on the estate for surface treatments. The emphasis will be on experimentation, creativity and enjoying the process of working with clay using rapid hand building techniques. No prerequisites or previous experience with clay work is required. Open to all levels from beginner to professional.

The session will culminate with finishing our work in the wood fired kiln.

### Details

**Cost:** \$2,400 student, \$2,700 non-student will cover all expenses of the two-week course at Spannocchia. This includes lodging, all meals, course excursions, instruction, studio, materials, kiln firing, Italian lessons, evening refreshments on the terrace, use of the pool, the estate grounds & hiking trails.

- Airfare, transport to & from Spannocchia, ETSU tuition, & Spannocchia membership are not included.
- ETSU students can register for the Summer Session Special Topics Course "Wood Fired Terracotta in Italy" for credit.
- **Scholarships for ETSU students** are available through the Office of International Programs and Services.
- **Non-credit participants are also welcome. Contact info is above.**

- Assistance is available with individual flight arrangements, car rental, and travel plans.

